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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2001, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-7, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 37-42), drawn to purified hCOMP, an ELISA kit or a composition comprising hCOMP, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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